REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests further examination and reconsideration in view of the instant amendment and response. Claims 1-42 remain pending in the case. Claims 1-42 are rejected.

REQUEST FOR REINSTATEMENT OF APPEAL

In accordance with 37 CFR § 193(b)(2)(ii), Applicant requests reinstatement of the Appeal. Accordingly, Applicant has filed herewith a Supplemental Appeal Brief, in triplicate.

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CONCLUSION

Based on the remarks presented above and in the Supplemental Appeal Brief filed herewith, Applicant respectfully asserts that Claims 1-42 overcome the rejections of record and, therefore, Applicant respectfully solicits allowance of these Claims.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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